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**"AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION IN
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION RESIDENTIAL
FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) On or before October 1, 2005, the
4 Department of Mental Retardation and the Office of Protection and
5 Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities shall jointly develop and
6 implement an interagency agreement governing communication and
7 collaboration between said agencies with regard to the investigation of
8 allegations of abuse and neglect of persons being served by said
9 agencies and the provision of protective services to such persons. On
10 or before January 1, 2006, such agreement shall be submitted, in
11 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
12 the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
13 cognizance of matters relating to human services and public health.
14 Such agreement shall ensure that each office carries out investigative
15 responsibilities and the provision of protective services efficiently and

16 in a manner calculated to protect the best interests of persons with
17 disabilities, and shall include, but not be limited to:

18 (1) A statement of common goals and principles;

19 (2) Communication guidelines identifying the individuals within
20 each agency responsible for communicating information pertaining to
21 investigations of abuse and neglect and the provision of protective
22 services;

23 (3) Guidelines identifying the responsibilities of each agency with
24 respect to investigations of abuse and neglect and the individuals in
25 each agency who shall carry out such investigative responsibilities;

26 (4) Interagency documentation and reporting procedures;

27 (5) Operational safeguards and security and confidentiality
28 guidelines, in accordance with applicable federal privacy laws;

29 (6) Dispute resolution procedures; and

30 (7) Standards for reviewing and evaluating third party
31 investigations."